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SUBJ: POSSIBLE VISIT TO BANGKOK BY PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION
TO VIET-NAM

1. EMBOFF HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM FRANK SIEVERTS
(D/HA/PW) DATED MARCH 3, MENTIONING THE POSSIBILITY THAT
THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION TO VIET-NAM MIGHT COME TO
BANGKOK FROM HANOI, FOLLOWED BY A VISIT TO VIENTIANE AND
RETURN TO U.S.

2. WHILE WE WOULD, OF COURSE, BE PREPARED TO GIVE OUR
FULLEST SUPPORT TO A VISIT BY THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION
TO BANGKOK, WE HOPE ALL CONCERNED WILL REALIZE THAT IF
SUCH A VISIT MATERIALIZES, IT WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO SET
UP PROGRAM OF MEETINGS WITH SENIOR THAI OFFICIALS.
THAILAND IS THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRY POTENTILLY MOST
THREATENED BY A FUTURE RENEWAL OF VIETNAMESE AGGRESSION
AND NEEDS CONTINUED REASSURANCE OF U.S. INTENTIONS IN
THE REGION. SENIOR THAI OFFICIALS (INCLUDING PARTICULARLY
SUCH KEY FIGURES AS GENERAL KRIANGSAK, SECRETARY-GENERAL
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OF PRIME MINISTER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL HAVE REACTED CALMLY
TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION VISIT TO HANOI.
THEY HOPE THAT NORMALIZATION OF U.S. RELATIONS WITH SRV
MAY HELP THEM IN THEIR OWN EFFORTS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS
WITH SRV. HOWEVER, PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION SIMPLY COULD
NOT RPT NOT VISIT BANGKOK WITHOUT MEETINGS WITH SENIOR
THAI OFFICIALS. FAILURE TO ARRANGE SUCH MEETINGS WOULD

RAISE GRAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT U.S. INTENTIONS IN SOUTHEAST
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